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1. Mauthausen Airfield is located a few kilometers south of the village of the same name (Q49/W18). During the war the Luftwaffe constructed underground workshops in the hills on the southeast side of the field. When the Red Army occupied this part of Austria, the Russians restored the workshops and are now using them for the reconstruction and repair of old and damaged planes. About twenty planes, most of them Red Air Force fighters, are placed in operating condition daily.
2. Although the workshops are being used by the Russian authorities, no air force unit is located on the field proper.
3. Russian workers, former PWs of the Germans and slave laborers from former Nazi war plants, work at this field under the direction of Russian and German [REDACTED] (Comment: Austrian?) technicians. A number of Italian PWs are also employed at the Mauthausen shops.
4. Experiments are now being conducted in the workshops on a gasoline rotary engine for airplanes. This engine, called the "F.B. 12," has seven cylinders and attains 1,050 horsepower. It was recently tested at Mauthausen with good results, although an adequate lubricant has yet to be developed. The motor is designed on a Russian patent.

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